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Minutes (Approved)
Joint Meeting Howard County Council and Board of Education
Monday, June 14, 2021
9:30 a.m.
Via Webex and live-streamed

Board of Education, Chair Wu called the meeting to order at 9:45am

Attendees:

Councilmembers – Chair Liz Walsh; Vice-chair Opel Jones; Deb Jung; Christiana Rigby; and David Yungmann

Council Staff – Michelle R. Harrod, Council Administrator; Theodore Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Gary Kuc, Solicitor; Margery Sayers, Executive Assistant;

BoE attendees – Chair Chao Wu; Vice Chair Jennifer Mallo; Christina Delmont-Small; Vicky Cutroneo; Zach Koung; Antonia Watts; Yun Lu

BoE and HCPSS Staff – Superintendent Michael Martirano; Jahantab Siddiqui, Chief Administrative Officer; Kathy Hanks, Board Administrator; Karalee Turner-Little, Deputy Superintendent;

Agenda

- Dr.Wu established the meeting agenda
- Dr.Martirano removes the Kerwin update portion of the agenda as there is not information about implementation of Kerwin available for discussion.

Public Bus Transportation for Students

Dr. Martirano provided an update to Council and Board Members about the pilot program that allowed students to ride RTA buses. He further indicated the need for a bus stop at the Board of Education's main office. There was general discussion about potential expanded use of RTA services to provide cost effective solution to student transportation. Council and Board Members

indicated support of this provided further analysis on RTA routes and the cost. Dr. Martirano will reach out to the County Executive.

In addition, several Board and Council Members expressed support for a “healthy start” for high school students, suggesting a 9 am start time.

Calculation of Student Yields from New Construction of SFD/Multifamily Developments

Mr. Washington, Mr. Rogers and Mr. Lubely provided Council and Board Members with an overview of how student yields are calculated. General discussion about the misconception that new construction only has a one-year impact on student yields; how student yields from the same development change dependent upon the school students attend; and the resale versus new construction yields.

Feasibility Study – Note Include discussion of Code Requirement for Joint Meeting requiring 3 weeks-notice with BOE CC and Co Exec

Mr. Washington provided the Council and Board members with an overview of the Feasibility Study and the difference between how the State versus HCPSS calculates school capacity and usable square footage. General discussion about the use of relocatable units; size of teaching space; school capacity; specific overcrowded schools; and the balance of capacity versus systemic capital improvement needs.

Ms. Walsh raised the Howard County Code requirement to conduct a meeting with the Council, HCPSS and the County Executive to discuss school capacity that exceeds APFO threshold.

Long-term School Deferred Maintenance – Defer to next meeting.

Budget Update – No time

Dr. Martirano indicated there was not enough time to discuss the Budget Update. They can provide information in writing

Adjournment - Dr. Wu adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am